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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS: RADIO FREQUENCIES IN

CANAL ZONE

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- 1. TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS SUGGESTED LANGUAGE REQUESTED REFAIR TO RESPOND TO GOP IMPLIED ASSERTION IT HAS JURIS-DICTION OVER RADIO FREQUENCY USAGE IN CANAL ZONE.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT: IN YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE YOU IMPLY THAT JURISDICTION OVER THE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION FREQUENCIES IN THE CANAL ZONE BELONGS TO THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND NOT TO THE CANAL ZONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUTHORITIES. MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THE

POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE III OF THE CONVENTION OF NOVEMBER 18, 1903, THE ASSIGNMENT AND USE OF FREQUENCIES IN THE CANAL ZONE WOULD FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SINCE THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ASSIGN TELECOMMUNICATIONS FREQUENCIES IS CLEARLY ENCOMPASSED WITHIN THE RANGE OF SOVEREIGN "RIGHTS, POWER AND AUTHORITY." SUCH MATTERS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA. RATHER, USE OF THE FREQUENCIES IN THE CANAL ZONE IS CONDITIONED, VIS-A-VIS PANAMA, BY TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL TELE-COMMUNICATIONS CONVENTION, TO WHICH BOTH PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PARTIES. END TEXT. RUSH

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